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**THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL COURTS**

Read pages 266 – 270 and answer all of the questions below regarding the passage.

1. What courts and what individuals make up the Judicial Branch of the federal government? (p. 266)

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2. In what sense to all courts perform the same basic function? (p. 267)

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3. What are the two kinds of legal conflicts which courts resolve? (p. 267)

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4. What two rulings might a court have to make in a criminal court case? (p. 267)

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5. List three (3) examples of conflicts which may be settled in a civil court proceeding. (p. 267)

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6. Define the term ***plaintiff*** (p. 267) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Who is the ***defendant*** in a court case? (p. 267) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8. Define the term ***prosecution*** (p. 267) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9. Who will interpret the law – objectively – in a court case? (p. 268) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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10. What does it mean to “interpret the law”? (p. 268) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. What is the role of precedents in interpreting the law? (p. 268) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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12. What did the precedent established by the Supreme Court Case of *Brown V. Board of Education, Topeka, KS* allow judges to do? (p. 268)

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13. What types of courts exist on the state level? Give at least three (3) examples. (p. 269)

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14. Define the term ***original jurisdiction*** (p. 269) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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15. What does it mean to ***appeal*** a verdict? (p. 269)

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16. Is the prosecution allowed to appeal a case if the defendant is declared not guilty (innocent)? What amendment to the Constitution forbids double jeopardy? (p. 270, and p. 168, respectively.)

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17. What two (2) kinds of laws which are heard by the Federal Courts in the United States? (p. 270) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_